

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (WWMC)

MEETING MINUTES

(15 May 2006)

(Approved by WWMC on 5 June 2006)

TIME: 6:00 PM, **LOCATION:** Tiverton Community Center

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Brady, Donald Wilbur, Christopher Nearpass, Raymond Joubert, Steven York

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: John Lincourt, Wastewater Collection Superintendent (Superintendent)

1. *Secretary report:* The minutes of the 01 May 2006 meeting were read by Don Wilber and were unanimously approved by means of a motion made by Raymond Joubert, seconded by Steve York.
2. *Bourne Mill Development/Shove3 St Area Sewers:* The Superintendent distributed worksheets detailing a proposal that he and the Town Administrator have been working on over the past month. The proposal will sewer the entire Shove Street area, from the State Line to Judson St, East of Main Rd. It will be taking advantage of contributions from Community Block Grant Funds (\$795,000), the proposed developer of the Bourne Mill (the Armory Revival Company) and State Revolving Loan Funds to finance the sewer construction. The proposal was completed and presented to the Town Council at their regular meeting on May 8, 2006. The Town Council unanimously agreed to begin the application process for the appropriate grants and State Revolving Fund monies that would fund the project.
3. *Comprehensive Community Plan Discussion:* The members viewed a tape of the Town Council Workshop held on May 2, 2006. A discussion was held regarding issues discussed during the workshop. It was the Commission's unanimous sentiment that they are against being reduced to an advisory board.
4. *Request for Abatement of Sewer Bill – Michael Pine 69 Ford Farm Road:* Steve York did not participate in the discussion or vote because he is Mr. Pine's neighbor. The commission reviewed the request by Mr. Pine to abate water usage that he claims to have used on his lawn. Mr. Pine had submitted backup showing an excessive jump in his water usage between July and November 2005. His bill was \$922.88, he requested an adjustment of \$755.93. The Superintendent presented his review of Mr. Pine's documentation, and recommended that if an adjustment was to be made, it should only be \$657.60, based on the documentation that Mr. Pine had submitted. A discussion of the adjustment culminated in the opinion that past precedence had been not to approve adjustments without proof of lawn watering usage by using a water meter. Mr. Pine was not in attendance to provide any input to the discussion. Mr. Nearpass made a motion to deny the request and Mr. Joubert seconded the motion. A vote passed with three yes votes and one abstention.
5. *Superintendent's Weekly Report:*
 - a. The Superintendent presented an update on discussions with ESS, Starwood's engineer regarding the Mt. Hope Interceptor (MHBI). They are finalizing a report that will propose a fix for the metering problem within the MHBI that Fall River should accept. The Commission members unanimously agreed that Starwood should present the proposal to them before they forward it to Fall River.
 - b. There has been no progress on the On-Site Wastewater program.
6. A discussion on Betterment Assessments was put off until the next meeting where a larger block of time will be devoted to this issue.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM Next schd Mtg: 05 June 2006 @ 6 PM

**By: John Lincourt, Superintendent
For John Christo, Secretary**